

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A toothbrush brushhead assembly, comprising:
a toothbrush stem;
a bristle plate including a cavity; and
a duckbill valve assembly ~~disposed in the cavity~~ which includes at least two duckbill valve members; and
a flexible flange member extending between and joining the duckbill valve members in a particular orientation in a unitary assembly which is insertable into and removable as a unit from the cavity.
2. (cancelled)
3. (currently amended) The toothbrush of claim 2 1, wherein the flange member joins the two duckbill valve members at their respective bases, and wherein the flange member is substantially flat.
4. (currently amended) The toothbrush of claim 2 1, wherein the duckbill valve members have slit openings through which fluid moves and are spaced apart from each other, but arranged so that their respective slit openings are parallel.
5. (currently amended) The toothbrush of claim 2 1, wherein the duckbill valve members have slit openings through which fluid moves and are oriented such that their respective slit openings are in a single line.
6. (currently amended) The toothbrush of claim 2 1, wherein the duckbill valve members are substantially identical.
7. (currently amended) The assembly of claim 2 1, wherein the two duckbill

valve members are sufficiently separated to permit a plurality of bristles to be mounted therebetween to the bristle plate.

8. (currently amended) The toothbrush of claim 2 1, wherein the duckbill valve assembly includes just two duckbill valve members.

9. (currently amended) The toothbrush of claim 2 1, wherein the duckbill valve assembly includes more than two duckbill valve members.

10. (currently amended) The toothbrush of claim 2 1, wherein the duckbill valve members are different in size and otherwise arranged to accommodate different fluids to flow therethrough.

11. (currently amended) The toothbrush of claim 1, wherein a holding member is disposed over the duckbill valve assembly in the cavity, holding the duckbill valve assembly against the bristle plate.